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Today's Mass Readings

Exodus 34: 4-6, 8-9;
Psalms Daniel 3;
2 Corinthians 13: 11-13;
John 3: 16-18

**Welcome to this House
of God:**
Talk to God before Mass
Listen to God during Mass
Talk to others after Mass

This Week: 4th June – 10th June (Psalter Week 1)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 4th June Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity Year A	8:30 am People of the Parish 10:30 am Kevin Larkin (EL) 6:00 pm Dr. Amod Prakash RIP (G.P)	After 8:30 am Mass: Tea and Coffee in the Hall
Monday 5th June Memorial of St Boniface	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Elise Elizabeth Robertson (AH)	
Tuesday 6th June Feria	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Rose Dobie (I&MM)	
Wednesday 7th June Feria	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Mary Breatnach RIP	10:00 am until 6:00 pm: Adoration
Thursday 8th June Feria	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am For Peace in the World	After Mass: Novena to the Sacred Heart
Friday 9th June Feria	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Holy Mass	After Mass: Novena to the Sacred Heart
Saturday 10th June Feria	11:00 am Harry Remedios RIP	10:15 am - 10:45 am: Confession After Mass: Novena to the Sacred Heart
Sunday 11th June Solemnity of the Most Holy Body And Blood of Christ Year A Appeal & Second Collection for the Spiritans	8:30 am Isabella and Kevin Read RIP (MM) 10:30 am Michael Webb RIP (PW) 6:00 pm People of the Parish	After each Mass: Novena to the Sacred Heart After 8:30 am Mass: Tea and Coffee in the Hall 2:30pm - 4:30pm SVP Afternoon

“Dear parents, never tire of talking about your faith to your children: may you always have the strength to be mediators of the faith you received from your parents.”

Pope Francis via Twitter 1 June 2023

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am, 10.30 am To you glory and praise for evermore
6.00 pm: Ring out your joy give glory to God. Lift up your
hearts and sing.
Let all creation tell of His name. Praise Him for ever
more. (203)

PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Please pray for all our parishioners, and/or their friends and relatives, who
are unwell:

Barbara Conway, Finbarr Cronin, Eileen Dalton, Frank Fawcett, Bev Griffiths,
Beryl Hill, Alan Hurst, John Jennings, Sally McCool, Andrew McDermott,
Jackie McLean, Michael Sheridan, Jacky Smith, Paul Smith, Margaret
Steward, Breda Wightman, Mark Wightman, Richard Wightman & Msgr.
Graham Wilkinson

**Due to the new data regulations (GDPR), the Archdiocese have requested
that we do not list names unless we have the consent of the individual. If
you would like your name to be included in this list please contact
Fr. George SCJ or the Parish Office Please note that the newsletter is also
placed on the parish website. Thank you for your understanding.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

This year the First Holy Communion mass will be on Saturday 17th June at
11am. There will be a rehearsal on Monday 12th June at 6:30pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Summer Fair: The Parish Summer fair (Garden party) will be on Saturday
19th August from 12noon till 3pm. As part of the Garden party, we will be
organising a Raffle. If you would like to sponsor a raffle prize, please give
your name to Terry Poulten as soon as possible (or write your name on the
clipboard in the narthex) so that we will be able to print the tickets well in
advance with the first three prizes. If you would like to bring some flower
plants to the garden party, now is the time to start preparations.

Sacred Heart Feast: The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart will be celebrated
on Friday 16th June with a mass at 6pm followed by a social in the Parish
Hall. In preparation for the Feast, we will begin the novena to the Sacred
Heart of Jesus from Thursday 8th June, soon after morning Mass.

MISSION APPEAL

Next Sunday, 11th June, the Holy Ghost Fathers (The Spiritans) will be
having a Mission Appeal to raise fund for their mission activities. During all
Masses Fr. Remigius Ndubuisi will be sharing information about their
Missions and there will be a second collection for the Holy Ghost Fathers'
Mission.

JOURNEY IN FAITH

Are you looking to explore the Catholic faith? Are you wondering about your relationship with God and not sure where to start? Join us on a journey and see if the Catholic Church can help your relationship grow. This may be the right path for you. It may even help you take the next steps towards coming into the Church. The parish will be organising a Journey in Faith programme from September onwards. If you are already a Catholic and would like to learn more about your faith, or if you want to become a Catholic, now is the time to start exploring your faith. More updates about the programme to follow.

REFUGEE KNITTING

Thank you so much once again for the wonderful variety of exquisite knitted and crocheted items recently donated. Thank you also for the miscellaneous items of clothing. Your kindness certainly enriches the lives of so many displaced people. Please continue to knit, but can you store the items at home until I am given another collection date because of storage problems? Donations of wool to help defray costs would be gratefully received and can be left in the cupboard at the church entrance.

UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

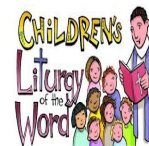
I am happy to inform you all that the Universe Catholic Weekly has resumed print copies for its readers. They will be available to purchase from the narthex from next weekend. If you would like to place an order for a personal copy posted to your address, please contact: Michelle Jones, Circulation Sales Manager, Universe Catholic Weekly, Universe Catholic Weekly Limited, PO Box 585, Sale, Manchester M33 0JH. Email: michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk
Website: www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

If you have any complete but unwanted jigsaw puzzles the prisoners at Long Lartin prison would love to have them, along with colouring and puzzle books. Donations can be left in the box at the back of church. Thank you all for your support. Contact for SVP is 07772927535 or DroitwichReferrals@svp.org.uk

COMMUNITY MEAL

The next Community Meal is on Monday 19th June at 12.30 pm in the Parish Hall.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy will restart on 18th June during the 10:30 am mass

YOUTH GROUP

PARISH YOUTH GROUP

The youth group runs during term time on Friday evenings from 6.30 pm for children aged 9-14 years. All young people are welcome to attend.

PARISH HALL BOOKINGS

Please contact Sally at volunteers.
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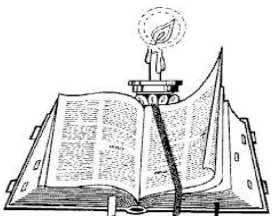
Main Collection:
£326.74 (cash) and
£190.00 (envelopes)

Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.

Mass attendance
last Sunday: 240
Late donation for
Catholic
Communications
raised an additional
£7.50 (envelopes)

ST. VINCENT DE
PAUL SOCIETY: TEA
& COFFEE
AFTERNOON

If you would like some company, a drink, chat and cake then please come and join us on Sunday 11th June from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm in the Parish Hall. Please see the notice at the back of church for more information. You can contact us at DroitwichReferrals@svp.org.uk or on 07772 927535 or on Facebook, SVP Sacred Heart Droitwich.



Next Sunday's Mass
Readings

Deuteronomy 8:2-3,
14-16;

Psalms 147

1 Corinthians 10: 16-
17;

John 6: 51-58

Welcome to everyone at Mass today, especially if you are new to our church or haven't been to Mass for some time. If you are of another Christian denomination or non-Christian you are warmly invited to approach the priest or minister and ask or signify your wish for a blessing.

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This is the mystery, a basic of our Christian faith. This is the mystery that separates Christianity from the great faith of Judaism. They too believe in One God, the Father of Abraham Isaac and Jacob. We Christians believe that the God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob had loved the world so much that He sent his only Son, Jesus, to save us. Thereafter the same God sent the Holy Spirit, on the day of Pentecost, in order to assist his disciples to complete the work of the Son. The mystery of the most Holy Trinity is a basic doctrine of Faith in Christianity, understandable not with our heads but with our hearts. It teaches us that there are three distinct Persons in one God, sharing the same Divine Nature. Our mind cannot grasp this doctrine which teaches that 1+1+1 = 1 and not 3. But we believe in this Mystery because Jesus who is God taught it clearly, the Evangelists recorded it, the Fathers of the Church tried to explain it and the Councils of Nicaea and Constantinople defined it as a dogma of Christian Faith.

The oldest doctrinal formulation of the Church's belief in the Trinity is found in the Apostles' Creed which has served both as the basis of instruction for catechumens and as the Baptismal confession of Faith since the second century. Later, the Nicene Creed, originating at the Council of Nicaea (AD 325), stated the doctrine more explicitly. Since Yahweh, the God of Israel, was careful to protect His Chosen People from the pagan practice of worshipping many gods, the Old Testament books give only indirect and passing references to the Trinity. Genesis 1:26 presents God speaking to Himself: "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness." Augustine wrote: "You see the Trinity if you see love." According to him, the Father is the lover, the Son is the loved one and the Holy Spirit is the personification of the very act of loving. This means that we can understand something of the Mystery of the Holy Trinity more readily with the heart than with our feeble mind. Evagrius of Pontus, a Greek monk of the 4th century said: "God cannot be grasped by the mind. If God could be grasped, God would not be God." "There is one God, who has three Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Each Person is God, yet there is still only one God" (CCC #234, #253-256). We have the Father who is the Creator, the Son, the Redeemer and the Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier and the Counsellor. The Trinity is the model for our Christian families. We are created in love to be a community of loving persons, just as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are united in love.

From the day of our Baptism, we have belonged to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. How privileged we are to grow up in such a beautiful Family! Hence, let us turn to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in prayer every day. We belong to the Family of the Triune God. The love, unity and joy in the relationship among the Father, Son and Holy Spirit should be the supreme model of our relationships within our Christian families and communities. Our families become truly Christian when we live in a relationship of love with God and with others. So let us pray, "Most Holy Trinity, who live in me, I praise You, I worship You, I adore You and I love You." Let the Son lead us to the Father through the Spirit, to live with the Triune God forever and ever.

Fr. George Mathew SCJ